

in its unopened condition provides a much tighter seal thus better preserving packaged spices.

While the invention has been disclosed herein by reference to the details of a preferred embodiment thereof, it is to be understood that such disclosure is intended in an illustrative, rather than a limiting sense, and it is contemplated that various modifications in the construction and arrangement of the parts will readily occur to those skilled in the art, within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A condiment package comprising: a closed container of manually rendable material having a line of weakness around the top thereof disposed so that said top can be torn away leaving an inwardly extending lip of the material of said container around the periphery of said top; and a closure member formed of molded plastic and configured so as to fit snugly and removably over the unopened top of said container, said closure member having downwardly extending flange means disposed for engaging the inside walls of said container and for forcing said lip of material downward upon forcing of said closure member over the open top of said container so as to hold said closure member in place over said open top of said container, said closure member having an aperture for allowing dispensing of the contents of said container and having a resiliently hinged flap for covering said aperture.

2. The combination of claim 1 wherein said downwardly extending flange means are hook shaped for engaging the downturned edges of said lip of material to prevent removal of said closure member from said opened container.

3. A condiment package comprising: a closed container of manually rendable material having a line of weakness around the top thereof disposed so that said top can be torn away leaving an inwardly extending lip of the material of said container around the periphery of said top; and a closure member formed of molded plastic and having a downwardly extending wall adapted to fit snugly in a first position over the unopened top of said container, said closure member being removable from said first position, said closure member having a flange closely spaced from the inside of said wall and extending downward for a distance less than said downward extension of said wall, said flange being disposed for forcing said lip of material downward upon forcing of said closure member over the open top of said container and for engaging said lip of material and the inside surfaces of said container for holding said closure member in place over said open top of said container, said closure member having an aperture for allowing dispensing of the contents of said container and having a resiliently hinged flap for covering said aperture.

4. The combination of claim 3 wherein said flange has an outward extending ridge at the bottom thereof for engaging the downturned edge of said lip of material in a hook relation.

5. A dispenser-closure member formed of molded plastic for mounting over the open top of a container, said member having a body portion configured to define a generally planar surface having apertures for dispensing the contents of said container and extending across the top of said container, said planar surface being united with a downwardly extending flange portion configured to define a peripheral slot for receiving the upper edges of upright walls of said container, said flange portion being adapted for engaging said walls to retain said closure member in place over the open top of said container, a cover portion united with said body portion and having a hinged flap for covering and uncovering said apertures, and a plurality of projections on said flap corresponding to said apertures and adapted for extending into said apertures in the closed position of said flap to hold said flap in said closed position and to keep said apertures free of the contents of said container.

6. A dispenser-closure member formed of molded plastic for mounting over the top of a container, said member having a body portion configured to define a generally planar surface having apertures for dispensing the contents of said container and extending across the top of said container, said planar surface being united with a downwardly extending flange portion configured to define a peripheral slot for receiving the upper edges of upright walls of said container, said flange portion being adapted for engaging said walls to retain said closure member in place over the open top of said container, a cover portion united with said body portion and having a hinged flap for covering and uncovering said apertures, said closure member being adapted to be releasably fit over the top end of said container in a first position before opening of said container, and said closure member being adapted to be fixed in a second position over the open top of said container.

7. A dispenser-closure member formed of molded plastic for mounting over the open top of a container, said member having a body portion configured to define a generally planar surface having apertures for dispensing the contents of said container and extending across said top of said container, said planar surface being united with a downwardly extending flange portion having a spaced apart inner and outer wall around the periphery of said planar surface, said outer wall being adapted to engage the outside of said container to retain said closure member on said container, said inner wall extending downward from said planar surface a distance less than said outer wall, the lower edge of said inner wall being adapted to engage a wall of said container before said container is opened, said inner and outer walls being adapted to receive therebetween and engage a portion of a wall of said container around said open top, and a movable cover portion united with said body portion and adapted for covering and uncovering said apertures.

8. The closure member of claim 7 adapted to be releasably fit over the top end of said container in a first position before opening of said container top and being adapted to be fixed in a second, relatively lower position over said open top of said container after said container is opened.

9. The closure member of claim 7 wherein said inner wall has an outwardly extending ridge at the bottom thereof for engaging a downturned edge of the material of the walls of said container adjacent said open top.

10. A condiment package comprising: a closed container openable at the top thereof; a lip of the material of said container extending inwardly around the periphery of said opened top; a closure member formed of molded plastic and configured to fit snugly and removably over the unopened top end of said container; a downwardly extending outer wall of said closure member disposed for engaging the outside of said container; a downwardly extending flange means of said closure member spaced from said outer wall and disposed for engaging the inside of the walls of said container and for forcing said lip of material downward upon forcing of said closure member over the open top of said container so as to hold said closure member in place over said open top of said container; said closure member having an aperture for allowing dispensing of the contents of said container; and a movable cover means arranged on said closure member for covering and uncovering said aperture.

11. The condiment package of claim 10 wherein said downwardly extending flange means are hook shaped for engaging the downturned edges of said lip of material to prevent removal of said closure member from said opened container.

12. The condiment package of claim 10 wherein in a first position of said closure member, the bottom edge of said flange means is adapted to engage said unopened top and said outer wall engages said outside of said container